

## REMARKS

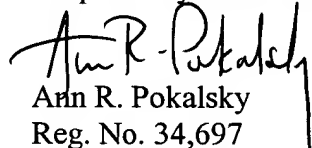
In response to the Communication dated March 23, 2004, Applicants have amended the claims, which when considered with the following remarks, is deemed to place the present application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the March 23, 2004 Communication, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 39 and 49 do not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 because the amino acid sequence motif of QLLAVACLSLAAKXEET is an unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids which must be set forth in the "Sequence Listing" and assigned a separate sequence identifier, and which must be referred to by use of the sequence identified, preceded by "SEQ ID NO:" in the text of the description or claims.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the sequence listing to include the sequence recited in Claims 1, 39 and 49. In addition, this sequence has been assigned the sequence identifier SEQ ID NO:5 and is presently recited in Claims 1, 39 and 49. Also included herewith is a Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(a) and (b).

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